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TOPIC 12th Tank Brig in Sternberk

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REMARKS

1.  the 12th Tank Brig was located in Sternberk (P 50/N 86) on 25 August 1950, and  it was subordinate to the Tank Corps in Olomouc (P 50/N 85). The brigade's Utvar No. 9388 had superseded Utvar No. 2246 in 1949. (1) 50X1-HUM

2. The officers of the brigade included Lieutenant Colonel Knara, (fnu), commanding officer; Major Riciste, (fnu), deputy commanding officer; Lieutenant Hruby, (fnu), DOZ officer; Major Ploskonak, (fnu), commanding officer of the I Bn; Staff Captain Achinsky, (fnu), commanding officer of the II Bn; Captain Lomak, (fnu), commanding officer of the 3rd Co; Staff Captain Rozac, (fnu), commanding officer of the 4th Co; and Staff Captain Sterba, (fnu), commanding officer of the Headquarters Co. (2)

3. The 12th Tank Brig was organized into the headquarters, the I and II Bns and a replacement training battalion. The I Bn consisted of the 1st Co of about 70 men, the 2d Co of about 90 men, and a repairshop company of about 50 soldiers, mostly mechanics. The II Bn consisted of the 3rd Co with 90 to 100 troops, the 4th Co of 80 to 90 soldiers, and the Headquarters Co of about 70 men. (3) 50X1-HUM

4. The 1st Co was equipped with 20 T-34 tanks which had Soviet model 9-PS radio sets, 12 Java and Ariel motorcycles, 5 jeeps and 12  trucks. The 2d Co had thirty T-34 tanks, six motorcycles, six jeeps and seven trucks. The 3rd Co had 25 to 30 T-34 tanks, 10 motorcycles, 6 jeeps and 10 trucks. The 4th Co was equipped with 25 to 30 T-34 tanks, 8 motorcycles, 5 passenger cars and 10 trucks. The Headquarters Co had 10 jeeps, 4 Tatra-57 passenger cars, 10 trucks and 2 Tatra sedan sedans. (4) 50X1-HUM

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Comments.

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- (4) The number of the tanks is probably greatly exaggerated, since a company with a personnel of 90 cannot operate 30 tanks. The figures might be credible, however, if two-thirds of the tanks were kept in storage.
- (5) Elements of the 3rd Sig Regt, including a signal school, had been located in Lipnik prior to October 1949 but later moved to Moravska Ostrava.

The 21st Tank Brig is a component of the 5th Mtz Inf Div and was [redacted] in Zatec in August 1950. The brigade is believed to have been at Milovice for field training. The 11th Tank Brig in Vyskov is a component of the Tank Corps in Olomouc.

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